

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. The following listing provides the amended claims with deleted material crossed out and new material underlined to show the changes made.

Claims 1-12 (Cancel).

13. (Original) A record management system comprising:

a master table storage unit for maintaining a set of records, wherein a set of N dimension values are represented throughout said set of records and wherein N is an integer;

a master table index storage unit; and

an index engine coupled to said master table storage unit and said master table index storage unit for generating an index of said master table storage unit in said master table index storage unit.

14. (Original) The record management system of claim 13, wherein said index engine identifies records in said set of records in said master table storage unit that include a dimension value in said set of N dimension values, wherein said dimension value is identified by a variable name `dimension_valuen`, wherein n is an integer in a range of 1 to N.

15. (Original) The record management system of claim 14, wherein said index engine generates a dimension index record in said master table index storage unit, wherein said dimension index record is identified by a variable name `dimension_index_recordn`, wherein said `dimension_index_recordn` identifies said records identified to include said `dimension_valuen`.

16. (Original) The record management system of claim 15, wherein said `dimension_index_recordn` identifies said `dimension_valuen` and a dimension associated with said `dimension_valuen`.

17. (Original) The record management system of claim 15, wherein said records identified to include said `dimension_valuen` include all records in said master table storage unit that include said `dimension_valuen`.